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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the determination of the filing fee and any action on the merits of the accompanying new patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4, 6, 10 and 13 as follows. A clean copy of the amended claims is provided as Appendix A.

Claim 4, line 1, change "l'une des revendications 1 à 3" to --la revendication 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "l'une des revendications 1 à 5" to --la revendication 1--.